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TAGS: PEPR, TU, LY
SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLOUD TO VISIT TURKEY

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 21 TURKISH MFA MIDDLE EAST-AFRICA DIRECTOR FARUK CELILOGLU DISCUSSED IMPENDING VISIT OF LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLOUD. CELILOGLU SAID THE VISIT WAS AT JALLOUDJ'S INITIATIVE AND HE HAD GIVEN TURKEY VERY SHORT NOTICE.
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HE NOTED THAT JALLOUD WILL BE STOPPING IN TURKEY ON RUTURN FROM A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION AND SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE REST AND RECREATION. CELILOGLU SAID GOT HAD NO EXACT INFORMATION EITHER ON ARRIVAL TIME (SOME TIME FEBRUARY 22) OR ON PROGRAM THAT JALLOUD HOPES TO FOLLOW WHILE IN TURKEY.

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2. CELILOGLU SPECULATED THAT DURING THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE VISIT, THE LIBYANS WOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND ATTEMPT TO GET GOT TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE AND JOIN THE ANTI-SADAT MOVEMENT. CELILOGLU SIAD THE MFA HAD NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE ECEVIT'S VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. IT WAS THEREFORE POSSIBLE THAT ECEVIT MIGHT COME UP WITH A NEW TWIST TO THE STANDARD GOT POSITION. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT BELIEVE ECEVIT WOULD STRAY FAR FROM TRADITIONAL TURKISH POSITION WHICH SUPPORTED THE ARAB POSITION BUT AVOIDED TAKING SIDES AMONG THE ARABS. CELILOGLU SAID THAT TURKS FOR THEIR PART WOULD CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS WITH A VIEW TOWARD INCREASING COOPERATION IN THAT FIELD.

3. EMBOFF VENTURED THAT THE VISIT COULD PRESENT SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM FOR GOT BECAUSE OF THE GOL UNPREDICTABILITY AND QUESTIONABLE CONSTANCY. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION FROM WHAT HE HAD READ AND HEARD THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT MIGHT NOT SHARE THESE VIEWS OF LIBYAN LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER. CELILOGLU SAID THAT ECEVIT IS A GENTLE MAN WHO IS INCLINED TO SPEAK FAVORABLY OF OTHER PEOPLE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT ECEVIT IS WELL AWARE OF THE UNCERTAINTIES INVOLVED IN DEALING WITH THE LIBYANS.
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4. CELILOGLU SIAD HE DID NOT THINK A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED SINCE TURKEY CONSIDERS THE VISIT TO BE PRIVATE INASMUCH AS IT IS NOT IN RESPONSE TO A FORMAL GOT INVITATION. HE WAS FRANKLY SKEPTICAL THAT ANYTHING POSITIVE WOULD DEVELOP DURING THE VISIT. CELILOGLU SAID THAT WHILE IN TURKEY JALLOUD UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD SAY, "OUR OIL IS YOUR OIL; OUR MONEY IS YOUR MONEY WHAT-EVER WE HAVE IS YOURS". THEN HE WILL GO AWAY, CELILOGLU SAID, AND THE SITUATION WILL CONTINUE AS BEFORE.
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